facture of 'Ortho Nitro Chloro Benzene' (ONCB) in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

Steps to increase production of newsprint

2992. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement of newsprint in the country;

(b) what is the total production of newsprint during the last three years;

(c) what is the total quantum of newsprint imported during the same period; and

(d) what are the details thereof and what further steps have been taken by Government to increase the production of newsprint in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The total requirement of newsprint for the year 1988-89 is estimated at 6.21 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c) The production and imports of newsprint during the last three years is as follows:—

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Production	Imports
1985-86 . . .	2.70	2 00
1986-87 . . .	2.85	1.97
1987-88 . . .	2 87	2.49

(d) The following steps have been taken to increase production of newsprint in the country:—

(i) The installed capacity of newsprint industry which was 75,000 tonnes per annum in 1979-80 has been stepped up to 3 lakh tonnes per annum by 1987-88.

(ii) A high rate of capacity utilisation of the installed capacity is being ensured.

(iii) An additional capacity of 4.44 lakh tonnes has been approved by way of Industrial Licences/Letters of Intent.

(iv) Facilities have been extended to the existing paper mills to take up manufacture of newsprint, subject to certain conditions.

Common locational policy for MRTP/FERA and non MRTP/FERA companies

2993. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have announced a common locational policy for both MRTP/FERA companies and non-MRTP/FERA companies in the month of September, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delicensing of industries for MRTP/FERA Companies for locations in backward areas was previously subject, *inter alia*, to the condition that the industrial undertaking is not located within a radius of 100 Kms of a city having population of 25 lakhs, according to 1981 Census, while delicensing for non-MRTP/non-FERA Companies was subject to the condition that the undertaking should not fall within the standard urban area limits of a city having population of more than one million or within the municipal limits of a city with a population of more than 5 lakhs. Following the announcement of the new locational policy in the notification No. 629(E) dt. 30th June, 1988, it was decided in September, 1988 that the delicensing facilities will not be available to both MRTP/FERA and non-MRTP

non-FERA companies of the industrial undertaking is located within:—

(i) 50 Kms from the boundary of the standard urban area limits of any city having a population of more than 25 lakhs according to the 1981 Census; or

(ii) 30 Kms from the boundary of the standard urban area limits of any city having a population of more than 15 lakhs but less than 25 lakhs according to 1981 Census; or

(iii) 15 Kms. from the boundary of the standard urban area limits of any city having a population of more than 7.5 lakhs but less than 15 lakhs according to 1981 Census; or

(iv) the standard urban area or municipal limits of other cities and towns.

Clearance of colour TV picture tube project of Andhra Pradesh

2994 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 595 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1988 and state:

(a) at what stage the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government to set up a colour tube factory rests now;

(b) whether site has been selected for the purpose;

(c) what are the financial implications; and the production capacity of the project; and

(d) by when it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The proposal of M|s. Andhra Pradesh Electronics Corporation Ltd. was examined in detail and rejected considering the overall assessment of the project. The rejection letter was issued to the Company on 14-10-1988.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Subsistence Allowance to ED employees

2995. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the relevant portion of the Bangalore Central Administrative Tribunal's judgement, regarding payment of subsistence allowance to ED employees under put off duty;

(b) the follow-up action taken thereon and State-wise number of employees to be so covered; and

(c) the number of categories of ED employees and the number of employees in category and what were their numbers as on 31st March, 1986, 31st March, 1987 and 31st March, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The relevant portion of the judgement is:

(i) "We strike down Rule 9(3) of the EDA's (Conduct and Service) 1964 Rules, as violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India. But notwithstanding the same, the Government of India is directed to re-examine the matter in its entirety, and frame a new set of Rules, providing for payment of Subsistence Allowance, with due regard to the unique nature of the EDA service and all other relevant matters, and make payment thereof to the applicants in conformity with those Rules. We grant a period of 4 months to the Government of India to frame the new set of Rules and 3 months thereafter to make payment to the applicants in conformity with those Rules".

(ii) "We direct the respondents concerned to ensure that reasonable opportunity is afforded at the earliest to the applicants in Set I of the applications, to engage a DA, to enable them to substantiate the defence, in the disciplinary proceedings, in progress against them."

(b) The Department has filed a Special Leave Petition on 26-10-88 before their Lordships in the Supreme Court of India against judgement of the CAT dated 15-7-88 and the matter is pending be-